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INTEGRITY

An Address by
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To

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the Citizens' Councils of America
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LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:

It is good to meet with a group of leaders of the only nationwide organization dedicated to the preservation of the white race.

The first two questions on the back of our membership application are (1) Are you positively dedicated, as a matter of personal choice, to the principle of the social separation of the races? and (2) Do you believe that forced integration and interbreeding threaten the integrity of both races, and endanger the very foundation of our Western civilization?

All of you here today have undoubtedly answered these questions with a resounding "yes."

The motto on our seal is "States' Rights and Racial Integrity." In the short time allotted me I want to discuss with you the subject of "integrity," as it applies to our organization in its overall aspect.

Over a period of more than ten years the nationwide Citizens' Council movement has built a reputation for moral soundness, honesty, and uprightness — all words synonymous with the word integrity. This fact is of great concern to the force of evil bent on the destruction of our civilization. It is important for all of us here to realize that this is our greatest strength.

Last night you heard an inspiring address by the Governor of Alabama. You have heard Roy Harris give us words of encouragement and you have heard Bob Patterson explain "why we are here." During the course of the day you will hear from many others, and when you return to your own state and community we believe you will have an even better understanding of the problem and its solution.

None of the speakers will be less than honest with you. They will not deny we are facing perilous and troubled times. If we were not, there would be no reason for the existence of our organization. If we maintain our integrity, however, we won't have time to ask ourselves whether or not we are going to *win*. *The fight itself is our only concern.*

As leaders in the fight you will be accused of many things. You will be attacked as "extremists" by some, and criticized for being too "moderate" by others. You will be denounced for not supporting this or that project, and pilloried for "not doing enough." The only way to avoid criticism is to do nothing. However, let me urge you never to allow these accusations to sidetrack you from the principal issue, which is *complete integrity of purpose*.

The most frequent charge leveled at the Citizens' Councils of Mississippi over the years has

been that they have captured the so-called power structure in our state. If this be so, let our critics make the most of it. And let me suggest that we *all* work to capture the power structure of our local community, or county, through a strong, locally autonomous Citizens' Council. And then go to work to make our influence felt at the state level. When we have enough states in this category, it will be no problem to drive the rascals from our national government.

We have known for a long time that our movement had to be a national one. That, to borrow a phrase, "No man, no community, no state, is an island." We also know that the first step is at the local, grass roots level. The fundamental principle of our plan for organization is the local, autonomous group in a town, city, or county, and we are deeply grateful to the giver of all good things that local Councils are springing up all over the country. There is a growing awareness throughout the land, as unconcern gives way to uneasiness, and uneasiness yields to resentment.

There is also an increasing realization that winning this war does not depend upon some remote miracle. Rather, the tools of victory lie within our grasp.

The very aggressiveness of our enemy, bent on the destruction of states' rights, constitutional government, and racial integrity, is of immeasurable help to us. The passage and enforcement of the so-called "Civil Rights Act" is probably the very thing needed to arouse the patriotism and pride of the majority of Americans.

Provisions of this Act are unenforceable at the federal level, but there will be strong attempts at enforcement during 1965. In U. S. News and World Report, issue of December 12, 1964, there is a significant interview with J. Edgar Hoover. He pointed out first that the Civil Rights Act of 1964 has no criminal provisions. Hence, there is no authority on which an arrest can be made. Second, if the Act did have criminal provisions, and they were policed by the FBI, the resulting situation would be like the one under prohibition. Eventually, Mr. Hoover reminded us, "the prohibition law was repealed."

This is why it is so important to create strong resistance organizations at the local level. Not organizations dedicated to lawlessness, but organizations of *integrity* whose purpose is to educate our people to resist the Negro revolutionaries.

How many citizens of your community know that they cannot be forced, against their will, to give any information whatsoever to civil rights investigators, FBI agents, or other federal officials on matters concerning civil rights? Do they know

that it is within the right of every citizen to refuse to give *any* information to the Justice Department to be used against their community, county or state regarding voting, schools, employment or anything whatsoever.

As I travel over the nation I am often amazed to see how little actual integration really exists. Intelligent white citizens have always found ways and means to avoid race mixing, and they are continually searching for new ways and means to maintain this social separation. When they have a local organization, a Citizens' Council, carrying forward a unified, continuous effort to oppose forced integration, they are not only strengthened in their opposition, but more effective in their resistance.

Through their Information and Education Committee they can present sound, logical, common sense arguments for the maintenance of racial integrity by using all forms of communication.

Through their Public Affairs Committee they can provide encouragement and support to those public officials who espouse Council principles. They can make states' rights and racial integrity an open issue in *every* election from constable to governor.

Through their Membership and Finance Committee they can aid businessmen and others who resist organized, malicious attacks by "civil rights" pressure groups bent on law breaking, rioting, and looting. When organized effectively they can labor diligently to uphold property rights and freedom of choice.

And by uniting into a State Association they can persuade legislative bodies and responsible officials to act in accordance with the facts and arguments presented by the Council.

As leaders in this nationwide effort to maintain racial integrity, you have a tremendous responsibility as you attempt to heal the awful sickness which has fastened onto the body politic. It is a malaise which borders on perversion. Evidence of this Negrophile influence is all about us. It is in the exaggerated coiffure and pale make-up now popular with young women. It is in our art, and our music which is dominated by the jungle drum beat. It's seen in the current dance craze — the Watusi. It permeates the entire entertainment industry which constantly emphasizes the African influence. It has almost become an article of faith in *all* religious denominations as we are urged to commit genocide and destroy our society—all in the name of Christian brotherhood. And it is in our educational institutions which are largely dominated by ultra-liberal administrators and faculty members.

As with most things, however, there is a comic aspect to this preoccupation with attempting to completely Africanize America. For example, I frequently stay in a wonderful hotel in a Northern city where there is a 6'6" Negro doorman who has, so far, been completely successful in preventing the integration of this particular hotel. And the Bullock County, Alabama Citizens' Council is passing out cards reading: "In spite of the Civil Rights Act, Negroes have failed to integrate with the better class of whites. The white man and woman who voluntarily eats at the same lunch counter with Negroes isn't the sort of person they really want to mix with."

In conclusion I want to pay a well deserved tribute to the leadership of our movement — you who are gathered in this room. I take this opportunity to salute you as respected and valued comrades in arms. I know that uppermost in the minds of each of you is finding ways and means of meeting your responsibility to further strengthen the forces fighting for racial integrity. You know that your primary task is to provide the capable, enlightened leadership which has made this movement so successful in the attainment of its objectives. As leaders of this national movement it is your duty to give special attention to the recruitment of other leaders who command the respect of their communities, their states, and the nation. In other words, *men of integrity*.

As Council leaders you are also to be congratulated for your self-restraint under the awful provocations of the past ten years. That is the type of integrity I am talking about. But there is a limit beyond which we dare not go, for excessive restraint can become timidity and timidity can become cowardice. Let us, as men and women, face the world and *say what we mean*. That, my friends, is also *integrity*.

I am sure you realize that it is the duty of leaders to lead—not to complain that the people you seek to enlist are less than supermen. It is your duty to lead by personal example and by astute analysis. All of us are human after all, and we respond to enthusiasm and exemplary conduct just as we respond in an opposite fashion to a dispirited attitude. During 1965 the strength and effectiveness of the Citizens' Councils of America will directly reflect the diligence of all of you.

With leaders like yourselves, *we are going to win this fight*. Roy Harris and I may not be here to see your final victory, but we expect to last through 1965 and are confident that we will be further down the road toward victory at the end of this year.

The very foundation of our progress and our

greatness as a nation is at stake, so integration is no longer just a "Southern problem." Americans in the North, East and West are joining the battle to preserve this nation's heritage.

The Citizens' Council movement is defending something far greater than itself—it is fighting for *integrity of race*. Pride of race is characteristic of all great peoples, and without it no people is worth its salt.

This is a white man's government, conceived by white men and maintained by them through every year of its history. And by the God of our fathers, it shall be ruled by the white man until the end of time.

Integration represents darkness, regimentation, totalitarianism, communism and destruction. Segregation represents the freedom to choose one's associates, Americanism, state sovereignty and the survival of the white race.

Many years ago a great statesman from Mississippi said, "If our buildings, our highways, our railroads should be wrecked, we could rebuild them. If our cities should be destroyed, out of the very ruins we could erect newer and greater ones. Even if our armed might should be crushed, we could rear sons who could redeem our power. But if the blood of our white race should become corrupted and mingled with the blood of Africa, then the present greatness of the United States of America would be destroyed and all hope for the future would be forever gone. The maintenance of American civilization would be as impossible for a Negroid America as would the redemption and restoration of the white man's blood which had been mixed with that of the Negro."

The forces of integration and segregation are now engaged in mortal conflict and only one can survive. They cannot be fused anymore than day can exist in night. The twilight of this great nation would certainly follow. There is no middle ground.

May God bless you as you go about your work in this holy crusade during 1965.

Thank you.